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1.

the following professors of chemistry at the University of Latvia are reported to be engaged in the following research:

- a) Augusts Keshans is a Professor of Inorganic Chemistry engaged in research on salts of boric acid.
- b) A Ievins, Professor of Analytical Chemistry, is doing research on magnesium salt impurities in sodium chloride.
- c) Gustavs Vanags, Professor of Organic Chemistry, is doing research on nitro-indandion.
- d) J Eiduks, Professor of Silicate Technology, is doing research on cement.
- e) N Brakas, Professor of Mineral Oil Technology, in 1947 published a paper on the chemical exploitation of peat soil. He is now doing research on the distillation products of peat tar.
- f) S Skiltars, Professor of Pharmacy, is working in the field of parasites in the human organism.

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2. The name of Prof Pauls Kalnina, a former Professor of Organic Chemistry, is not mentioned. he may have been liquidated as not being entirely dependable because he has a Swiss wife and he obtained his doctor's degree in Switzerland before he returned to the University of Latvia.

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3. In the Philology Department. Prof J Endzelins [redacted] is now trying to prove that the Latvian language is related to the Russian language. This is complete nonsense since Latvian is Baltic and not a Slavic language and the two groups of languages are as different as Chinese is from English.
4. The Agriculture Department at the University of Latvia is engaged in research work on the importance of micro-elements in artificial fertilizer and cattle fodder. The micro-elements include boron, copper, cobalt, zinc, manganese, and iodine.

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